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Job Title: Social Worker (Gallup)

Department: Department Of Veterans Affairs

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration

Job Announcement Number: SF-14-165-1106646-MHC

SALARY RANGE: \$47,923.00 to \$75,376.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Friday, April 25, 2014 to Friday, May 02, 2014

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0185-00

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Excepted Service Permanent

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy in the following location:
Albuquerque, NM [View Map](#)

WHO MAY APPLY: United States Citizens

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Public Trust - Background Investigation

SUPERVISORY STATUS: No

For more information or to apply, go to: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/368258800>

JOB SUMMARY:

Vacancy Identification Number (VIN) 1106646

OUR MISSION: To fulfill President Lincoln's promise – "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" – by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans.

How would you like to become a part of team providing compassionate care to Veterans?

Failing to submit any documentation that is required and listed under the "Required Documents" tab may result in loss of consideration.

As a VA professional, your opportunities are endless. With many openings in the multiple functions of VA, you will have a wide range of opportunities at your fingertips. Not only is it the largest, most technologically advanced integrated health care system in the nation, but we also provide many other services to Veterans through the Benefits Administration and National Cemeteries.

Note: The full performance level of this vacancy is GS-11. The actual grade at which an applicant may be selected for this vacancy is in the range of GS-09 to GS-11. The Professional Standards Board (a peer-review group) will review the selected candidate's education and experience and recommend the grade and step at which the candidate will be placed. The salary is based on the grade and step approved for the selected candidate.

VA encourages persons with disabilities to apply. The health related positions in VA are covered by Title 38, and are not covered by the Schedule A excepted appointment authority.

Relocation/Recruitment Incentive: Relocation/Recruitment Incentives are NOT authorized for this position.

TRAVEL REQUIRED

- Not Required

RELOCATION AUTHORIZED

- No

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. Citizenship
- Must pass pre-employment examination
- Must be proficient in written and spoken English
- Designated and-or Random Drug Testing required
- Background and-or Security Investigation required

DUTIES:

The Behavioral Health Care Line (BHCL) at New Mexico VA Health Care System (NMVAHCS) is one of the largest clinical care lines within the Southwest Region Veterans Integrated Service Network. The BHCL provides medical and mental health services to Veterans state-wide and the VA catchment area of southwest Colorado. The BHCL is organized into an acute inpatient psychiatric unit, four residential care programs, and eight outpatient treatment programs. This announcement pertains to a Social Worker position in Gallup, New Mexico at the Psychosocial Residential Rehab Treatment Programs.

The Social Worker applicant must have the knowledge, skills and ability to complete psychosocial assessment, planning and evidenced based treatment; psychosocial case management; discharge planning coordination; health care coordination; suicide risk assessment and follow-up, individual, family, and group counseling; patient and family education; intensive residential treatment and recovery planning.

Fair Labor Standards Act: Exempt

Work Schedule: 8:00am - 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday

Position Description Title/PD#: Social Worker / Functional Statement

Bargaining Unit Status Code: 1276

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- **Citizenship.** Citizen of the United States. (Non-citizens may be appointed when it is not possible to recruit qualified candidates)
- **Education.** Have a master's degree in social work from a school of social work fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Graduates of schools of social work that are in candidacy status do not meet this requirement until the school of social work is fully accredited. A doctoral degree in social work *may not* be substituted for the master's degree in social work. Verification of the degree can be made by going to the CSWE website to verify if that social work degree meets the accreditation standards for a master of social work.
- **Licensure.** Persons hired or reassigned to social worker positions in the GS-185 series in VHA must be licensed or certified by a state to independently practice social work at the master's degree level or they may be pending completion of state prerequisites for licensure/certification examination.
- **English Language Proficiency.** Social workers must be proficient in spoken and written English.

Grade Determinations. In addition to the basic requirements for employment, the following criteria must be met when determining the grade of candidates. Note: The full performance level of this vacancy is GS-11. The actual grade at which an applicant may be selected for this vacancy is in the range of GS-09 to GS-11.

GS-9 Social Worker. Experience, Education and Licensure. GS-9 is the entry level grade for the GS-185 social work series and is used for social workers with less than one year of post-MSW experience **and** for social workers who are not yet licensed or certified at the independent practice level. Social workers at the GS-9 level are working toward completion of prerequisites for licensure or certification. In addition, the candidates must demonstrate the KSAs below.

1. Ability to provide psychosocial treatment to a wide variety of individuals from various socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, educational, and other diversified backgrounds. This requires knowledge of human development and behavior (physical and psychological), and the differential influences of the environment, society, and culture.
2. Ability to work with patients and families who are experiencing a variety of psychiatric, medical, and social problems utilizing individual, group, and family counseling skills. Work with more complex problems is done under close supervision. With guidance from the social work supervisor, ability to assess the psychosocial functioning and needs of patients and their family members, and to formulate and implement a treatment plan, identifying the patient's problems, strengths, weaknesses, coping skills, and assistance needed.
3. Basic knowledge of psychosocial treatment modalities and, under supervision, ability to implement treatment modalities in working with individuals, families, and groups to achieve treatment goals. This requires judgment and skill in utilizing supportive, problem solving, or crisis intervention techniques.
4. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, staff, and representatives of community agencies. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with people from varied backgrounds.
5. Knowledge of medical and mental health diagnoses, disabilities, and treatment procedures. This includes acute, chronic, and traumatic illnesses/injuries; common medications and their effects/side effects; and medical terminology.
6. Basic skill in the use of computer software applications for drafting documents, data management, and tracking. Ability to learn and utilize software programs in use by VHA.

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